

REMARKS

In an Examiner's Amendment enclosed with the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due dated October 20, 2006, the Office canceled non-elected claims 10, 12 to 20 and 22. Claim 23, which recited a dependency on claim 10, was rewritten in independent form in the Examiner's Amendment. However, rewritten claim 23 omitted the phrase "provided in the ventilation path for releasing a negative pressure in the ventilation path and providing atmospheric pressure in the ventilation path, the atmospheric pressure obtaining release valve" which was included in the claim prior to the Examiner's Amendment.

Additionally, rewritten claim 23 in the Examiner's Amendment identified that the atmospheric obtaining release valve is adapted to open and close simultaneously with stopping of the electric pump and to close simultaneously with the starting of the electric pump. (emphasis added). This is incorrect and inconsistent with the limitation of claim 23 prior to the Examiner's Amendment. Claim 23 previously recited, and should recite, that the atmospheric obtaining release valve is adapted to open simultaneously with stopping of the electric pump and to close simultaneously with the starting of the electric pump.

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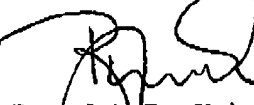
The present paper is submitted in order to correct the omission and error in claim 23 identified above. This amendment does not amount to prohibited new matter and is believed to be proper for entry.

In the event that this paper is not considered to be timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 111833.

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